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SHEEP AND GOAT REARING IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Sheep and Goat rearing are the main source of livelihood of economically backward people of Western Rajasthan, especially Barmer and Jaisalmer districts;

(b) whether the Government have drawn up any plan/strategy for development of this sector keeping in view prolonged spell of drought in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof including targets fixed for Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)
(a): Yes, Sir.
(b): Ministry of Textiles is preparing Technology Mission on Wool for implementation during Tenth Five Year Plan. Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is preparing a centrally sponsored scheme for conservation of threatened breeds of livestock including sheep and goat for implementation during Tenth Five Year Plan.
(c): Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Central Wool Development Board, Jodhpur have sanctioned 29 projects for covering 16.50 lakhs sheep and a amount of Rs.574.25 lakhs has been released to State Government of Rajasthan.Under Integrated Sheep and Wool Development Programme in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts an amount of Rs.42.37 lakhs and Rs.41.51 lakhs respectively has been released to State Government of Rajasthan.
Government of Rajasthan have reduced the cost of vaccines in view of the drought situation during 2002-03. Financial outlay of Rs.325 lakhs has been made by Rajasthan Government for sheep breeders and extension programme, strengthening of sheep breeding farms, construction and repairs of equipments, sheep health and disease control and sheep breed improvement during Tenth Five Year Plan.
(d): Question does not arise.